



Nebraska Agriculture Rank and Agribusiness Facts

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Current Rank in U.S. Agriculture, Amount, and Percent of U.S. Total, Selected Commodities, Nebraska

Rank	Commodity and Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
1	Commercial livestock slaughter, live weight, 2005	11,012,211,000	<i>Pounds</i>	15.9
1	Commercial red meat production, 2005	7,047,500,000	<i>Pounds</i>	15.4
1	Great Northern bean production, 2005	1,382,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	87.2
1	Light red kidney bean production, 2005	304,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	27.4
2	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2005	9,078,200,000	<i>Pounds</i>	22.3
2	Commercial cattle slaughter, number, 2005	7,028,900	<i>Head</i>	21.7
2	Cash receipts from all meat animals, 2004	6,970,380,000	<i>Dollars</i>	11.2
2	Cash receipts from cattle and calves, 2004	6,196,896,000	<i>Dollars</i>	13.1
2	Proso millet production, 2005	4,250,000	<i>Bushels</i>	31.4
2	Pinto beans production, 2005	1,982,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	15.1
2	All cattle on feed, January 1, 2006	2,600,000	<i>Head</i>	18.4
3	Total value of all cattle and calves, January 1, 2006	6,419,000,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.6
3	All dry edible beans production, 2005	3,870,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	14.2
3	Cash receipts from all feed grains, 2004	2,719,244,000	<i>Dollars</i>	9.6
3	Cash receipts from corn, 2004	2,543,705,000	<i>Dollars</i>	11.5
3	Cash receipts from sorghum grain, 2004	60,519,000	<i>Dollars</i>	7.2
3	Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products, 2004	7,338,183,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.9
3	All cattle and calves, January 1, 2006	6,550,000	<i>Head</i>	6.7
3	Fed cattle marketed (1,000+ capacity lots), 2005	4,420,000	<i>Head</i>	19.9
3	Corn for grain production, 2005	1,270,500,000	<i>Bushels</i>	11.4
3	Sorghum for grain production, 2005	21,750,000	<i>Bushels</i>	5.5
4	Cash receipts from all commodities, 2004	11,779,728,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.9
4	Beef cows and heifers that have calved, January 1, 2006	1,930,000	<i>Head</i>	5.8
4	Land in farms and ranches, 2005	45,700,000	<i>Acres</i>	4.9
4	All hay production, 2005	6,945,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.6
4	On-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2005	1,050,000,000	<i>Bushels</i>	9.2
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2005	691,186,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.1
5	Net farm income, 2004	3,459,064,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.2
5	Cash receipts from soybeans, 2004	1,280,621,000	<i>Dollars</i>	7.0
5	Cash receipts from all oil crops, 2004	1,287,932,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.5
5	Cash receipts from hogs and pigs, 2004	761,953,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.3

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**Current Rank in U.S. Agriculture, Amount, and Percent of U.S. Total,
Selected Commodities, Nebraska (continued)**

Rank	Commodity and Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
5	Soybean production, 2005	235,330,000	<i>Bushels</i>	7.6
5	Calf crop, 2005	1,800,000	<i>Head</i>	4.8
5	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2005	1,933,729,000	<i>Pounds</i>	6.9
5	Commercial hog slaughter, number, 2005	7,185,800	<i>Head</i>	6.9
6	Alfalfa hay production, 2005	4,625,000	<i>Tons</i>	6.1
6	Value of principal crops produced, 2005	4,423,595,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.3
6	Pig crop, 2005	6,327,000	<i>Head</i>	6.1
6	Value of all hogs and pigs on farms, December 1, 2005	279,300,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.9
6	Winter wheat production, 2005	68,640,000	<i>Bushels</i>	4.6
6	All hogs and pigs, December 1, 2005	2,850,000	<i>Head</i>	4.6
7	Sunflower production, 2005	142,000,000	<i>Pounds</i>	3.5
7	Harvested acreage, principal crops, 2005	18,508,000	<i>Acres</i>	6.1
7	Sugarbeet production, 2005	924,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.3
7	Sorghum silage production, 2005	210,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.0
7	Cash receipts from crops, 2004	4,441,545,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.8
7	Cash receipts from sugarbeets, 2004	36,420,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.9
7	Table eggs produced, 2005	3,217,000,000	<i>Eggs</i>	4.2
9	Oats production, 2005	4,380,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.8
10	Corn silage production, 2005	3,100,000	<i>Tons</i>	2.9
10	All wheat production, 2005	68,640,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.3
10	Cash receipts from wheat, 2004	217,810,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.0
10	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2005	2,320,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.1
11	All potato production, 2005	8,245,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	2.0
12	All chickens, December 1, 2005	13,813,000	<i>Head</i>	3.1
13	Value of all chickens on hand, December 1, 2005	29,007,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.6
14	Cash receipts from all food grains, 2004	218,753,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.4
14	Cash receipts from potatoes, 2004	42,977,000	<i>Dollars</i>	1.8
14	Cash receipts from chicken eggs, 2004	138,863,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.6
15	Honey production, 2005	2,720,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.6
15	Wool production, 2005	600,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.6
15	All sheep and lambs, January 1, 2006	106,000	<i>Head</i>	1.7
15	Value of wool production, 2005	240,000	<i>Dollars</i>	0.9
17	Cash receipts from hay, 2004	102,187,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.3
18	Number of farms, 2005	48,000	<i>Farms</i>	2.3

Nebraska Agribusiness Facts

- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings amounted to nearly \$11.8 billion in 2004, a 7 percent increase from the \$11.0 billion reported in 2003. Receipts for livestock and livestock products totaled \$7.3 billion, and crops receipts totaled \$4.4 billion. Direct government payments were \$728 million.
- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's value of production per operation averaged \$276,973 in 2004.
- ◆ Ranking fifth in the United States, Nebraska's net farm income in 2004 totaled nearly \$3.5 billion. Net farm income per operation was \$71,616 ranking fourth.
- ◆ Gross expenditures for farm production in 2004 amounted to over \$10.6 billion.
- ◆ Farmers and ranchers in 2004 spent \$1.5 billion for feed purchased, \$2.7 billion for livestock and poultry purchased, and \$440 million for seed purchased.
- ◆ Total outlays in 2004 for fertilizers, lime, and pesticides were \$880 million. Fuel, oil and electricity totaled \$513 million. Hired and contract labor expenses totaled \$440 million. Expenditures for repair and maintenance of capital items totaled \$505 million.
- ◆ In 2004, Nebraska farmers paid \$350 million for on farm and ranch property taxes and \$728 million in net rent to non-operator landlords. They also paid \$664 million in interest on farm real estate mortgage debt and on non real estate interest.
- ◆ Total depreciation and accidental damage to farm buildings and depreciation to motor vehicles and other farm machinery and equipment totaled \$697 million in 2004.
- ◆ Of every dollar spent on U.S. grown food in 2002, 19 cents goes to the farmer for the raw food inputs; 38 cents pays for labor used by manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers. The remaining 43 cents pays for marketing costs such as packaging, transportation, and advertising.
- ◆ Ranking fifth in the United States, Nebraska agriculture exports in fiscal year 2004 totaled \$3.0 billion. Nebraska ranked second in live animals and meat exports at \$521 million, third in feed grains and products at \$877 million, and fifth in soybeans and products at \$671 million. Measured as exports divided by farm cash receipts, the state's reliance on agricultural exports was 26 percent in 2004.
- ◆ Every dollar in agricultural exports generates \$1.48 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing, and production. Nebraska's \$3.0 billion in agricultural exports translate into nearly \$4.5 billion in additional economic activity.
- ◆ Twenty percent of all Nebraskans are employed in farm or farm-related jobs.
- ◆ As of March 2006, Nebraska ranked second in the United States in ethanol production capacity of 1,048.5 million gallons, which is 16 percent of the nation's capacity of 6.5 billion gallons. There were 11 operating plants that produced over half a billion gallons of ethanol. Over 15 percent of the State's corn crop goes into production of ethanol.
- ◆ Nebraska is a water-rich State. Underneath over half of its 49-million-acre land surface is stored about 2 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater. Currently, 89,343 registered wells and 8,422 surface water rights supply water to 7.6 million acres of harvested cropland and pasture. Of the total cropland harvested during 2002, 43 percent was irrigated.

Trends in Agriculture: Nebraska, Selected Years, 1985-2005

Item	1985	1990	1995	2000	2003	2004	2005
Value of farm real estate (mil.\$) ¹	18,577	22,930	26,235	31,396	36,626	²	²
Real estate debt (mil.\$) ¹	3,652	2,467	2,892	3,805	4,478	²	²
Debt/asset, total, ratio ¹	28.5	18.3	20.5	21.1	21.0	²	²
Average size of farm (acres)	787	826	829	887	946	948	952
Acres harvested (000) acres	17,509	18,044	17,769	18,536	18,545	18,240	18,508
Index of crop yields per acre ³	120	118	107	116	132	144	142
Index of crop production ³	135	131	123	149	164	185	187
Index of livestock production ³	121	139	145	153	151	149	152
Index of total agricultural production ³	127	136	135	151	157	165	167
Final agricultural sector output (mil.\$)	7,784	9,784	9,078	9,503	12,117	13,378	na
Net farm income (mil.\$)	1,550	2,512	1,646	1,398	2,807	3,459	na
Net farm income/assets, total, ratio	5.7	7.5	4.6	3.2	5.9	²	²
Commercial fertilizer sold (000) tons ⁴	1,894	1,889	1,996	2,453	2,460	2,760	2,697
Real estate value/acre ⁵	na	524	580	710	775	825	910

na = Not available.

¹ Beginning 1980, excluding operator households as of January 1.

² Discontinued.

³ 1977=100.

⁴ Year ending June 30.

⁵ Includes farmstead and operator dwelling.